

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 17939

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, RP  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL DETAINEES UPDATE

1. NUNS AT AMRSP TASK FORCE ON DETAINEES (TFD) INFORMED EMBOFF NOVEMBER 9 THAT NINE DETAINEES THEY REGARD AS POLITICAL HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY GOP SINCE LATE SEPTEMBER. THESE INCLUDE FIVE STUDENT-SEMINARIANS WHO WERE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH SEPTEMBER 23 ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION (MANILA 15795); ABOUT 85 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THIS DEMONSTRATION REMAIN IN DETENTION. ALSO INCLUDED IN RECENT RELEASES WAS RESTITITO DELEON (MANILA 13337), WHO WAS RELEASED IN THIRD WEEK OF OCTOBER.

2. SINCE LATE SEPTEMBER, TFD ALSO HAS REPORTS OF 24 NEW DETENTIONS, MOSTLY SLUM-DWELLER ORGANIZERS AND STUDENT ACTIVISTS IN MANILA. ONE OF THESE, BEHN CERVANTES, IS A PLAYWRIGHT-IN-RESIDENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH AND DRAMA, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARRESTED OCTOBER 26. CERVANTES' FAMILY HAS CONFIRMED HIS DETENTION TO A USIS OFFICER. CERVANTES IS AN ALTERNATE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT NOMINEE FOR FY 78.  
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